Hongenakenal border dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka

2346. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Centre that a new controversy has arisen between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu about the ownership of an island near the Hogenakenal Falls—to tourist spot;

(b) what are the steps taken by the Central to settle the ownership dispute; and

(c) whether Government would undertake a joint survey under the supervision of Central officials to get the truth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Neither of the State Government has approached the Central Government to resolve their border dispute. The approach of the Central Government has consistently been that inter State boundary disputes can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned and that the Central Government works only as a facilitator for amicable settlement of the dispute in a spirit of mutual accommodation and understanding.

(c) The Government of Karnataka has informed that it has ordered for joint survey of the disputed property to be taken up along with Government of Tamil Nadu Survey Department.

Maintaining of traffic signals in Delhi and other cities

2347. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of agencies which look after and maintain traffic signals in the Metros namely Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai and the amount payable annually with details of amount paid in the last three years; and